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For : TWO-HANDED COMPUTER INPUT
DEVICE WITH ORIENTATION
SENSOR

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RESPONSE

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2001. In the Office Action, claims 1-20 and 22-23 were pending. All claims were rejected.

The Office Action first reports that claims 1-12, 16-20 and 22-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnes et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,069,594) in view of Beasley et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,721,842) and further in view of Jacobs et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,059,958). Of these claims, claims 1, 16, 20 and 23 are independent. Each of these independent claims recite features that include receiving information indicative of a physical orientation of a computer input device and receiving information indicative of a configuration of a multiple switch device located on the computer device. The computer input device has at least two different degrees of motional freedom wherein movement of the multiple switch device of different degrees of motional freedom causes actuation of different switches in the multiple switch device.